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Honorable Sir:

I, Frank Odenthal, declare and state that:

I am a citizen of Germany residing at Lutzenkirchener Str. 223, 51381

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I am a joint inventor of the invention disclosed but not claimed in United States Patent Application entitled "Rack-And-Pinion Gear Mechanism," published June 26, 2003 and having Publication Number US2003/0115980, along with co-inventors Dirk Sickert and Frank Peter Engels;

I am also a joint inventor of the invention disclosed and claimed in the above-identified application along with co-inventors Dirk Sickert and Frank Peter Engels and, thus, the invention disclosed but not claimed in the US2003/0115980 publication was derived by the same inventors as the invention disclosed and claimed in the above identified application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge is true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: 13-June 2006

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frank Odenthal", written over a horizontal line.

Frank Odenthal